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LB 137, 292, 536, 564, 658, 669, 757, 804

you. Amendments to be printed, Senator Warner and others to LB 658; Senator Wesely to LB 536; Senator Day to LB 564; and Senator Wesely to LB 669. A notice of hearing from the Education Committee. An Attorney General's Opinion to Senator Horgan and to Senator Schellpeper. (Re: LB 137 and LB 292.) And the Health Committee reports LB 804 to General File with committee amendments. That's all that I have, Madam President. Thank you. (See pages 1612-27 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Landis, on the safety committee section.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, having opened on the amendment generally, I will just summarize again. This says that for employers subject to collective bargaining agreements, the establishment of a safety committee will be accomplished through the bargaining process. That is to be consistent with the federal obligation to do so under the National Labor Relations Act. The second provision says for employers not subject to collective bargaining, the safety committee shall be composed of an equal number of members representing employees and the employer. Employee members shall not be selected by the employer, but shall be selected pursuant to procedures prescribed in rules and regs adopted and promulgated by the Commissioner of Labor. The cost of maintaining the safety committee shall be minimal to the employer, that is an admonition to the Department of Labor to keep costs at an absolute minimum. The other portions of the safety committee language occur in the green copy of the bill. These were just a couple of definitional problems because there has been a recent national labor relations case that says it is an unfair labor practice to have an employer dominated employee-based decision, and one of the applications would be in, let's say, a safety committee so this language was necessary to accommodate, first, the National Labor Relations Act, and, secondly, to make clear that the employee members were to be self-determined under methods chosen by the Commissioner of Labor. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Landis. Discussion of...Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment.

CLERK: Senator Lindsay would move to amend the Landis amendment, Madam President. (See FA101 on pages 1627-28 of the Legislative Journal.)